



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING EVIDENCE OF FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-279 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The operator of any vehicle, motor vehicle, or authorized
4 emergency vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, shall immediately bring
5 such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when
6 approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking
7 or following any registered school bus on any highway or private road
8 or in any parking area or on any school property when such bus is
9 displaying flashing red signal lights, except at the specific direction of
10 a traffic officer. Vehicles so stopped for a school bus shall not proceed
11 until such bus no longer displays flashing red signal lights. At the
12 intersection of two or more highways vehicular turns toward a school
13 bus receiving or discharging passengers are prohibited. The operator
14 of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop
15 upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway.

16 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
 17 section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than
 18 five hundred dollars for the first offense and for each subsequent
 19 offense, not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand
 20 dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.

21 (c) Upon receipt of a written report from any school bus operator
 22 specifying the [license plate] registration number, color and type of
 23 any vehicle observed by such operator or recorded by a camera affixed
 24 to such school bus violating any provision of subsection (a) of this
 25 section and the date, approximate time and location of such violation,
 26 a police officer shall issue a written warning or a summons to the
 27 owner of any such vehicle. A photographic or digital image that clearly
 28 shows the registration number, color and type of a vehicle violating
 29 any provision of subsection (a) of this section shall be sufficient proof
 30 of the registration number of such vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	14-279

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a still or video image of a vehicle passing a stopped school bus may constitute sufficient proof of the registration number of such vehicle so as to allow the owner thereof to be deemed the operator and charged with a violation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]